

**P-20 Council
Data Committee Meeting
June 11, 2008 – 12:30 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members Present: Dr. Sybil Francis, Dr. Ron Rickel, Dr. David Curd (telephonic), Alyssa Bisanz (telephonic) and Karen Butterfield for Superintendent Tom Horne.

Staff Present: Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart, Claire Parriott, and Debra Raeder.

Guests Present: Donald Houde, Laura Hand, Dan Anderson, Amanda Burke, Robert Franciosi, Tammy Paz-Combs, Chris Bodington, Hank Stabler, John Kelly, and Rebecca Bolnick.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Sybil Francis called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. It was noted that Dr. David Curd and Alyssa Bisanz were attending telephonically.

2. Update/Discussion: High School Graduation Rate:

- **Update Arizona's Graduation Rate:** Dr. Sybil Francis reported that she and Lauren Kielsmeier had met with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff, at the direction of the Committee, regarding the decline in the graduation rate now being reported by ADE. Robert Franciosi, from ADE, updated the Committee on the decline confirming that between 2004 and 2006 the rate has decreased by 7%. Mr. Franciosi stated that ADE believes this is due to the fact that they began gathering graduation data from the SAIS system rather than having districts self-report. The Committee engaged in discussion on the impact of this information and possibly readdressing the goal adopted by the Council to increase the graduation rate by 12% by 2012. With the new information, this is virtually an impossible goal.
- **Use of NGA Graduation Definition by Other States:** Rebecca Bolnick, from the Center for the Future of Arizona, provided the Committee with an update on the graduation rate formula being required by the U.S. Department of Education in which all states must report graduation data using the NGA definition. Arizona has used this definition for the past 4-5 years and would not need to make any changes.

3. Update/Discussion: ASU Proposal on High School Electronic Transcripts for the University System:

Amanda Burke updated the Committee on ASU's proposal regarding a statewide electronic transcript system. In June, ASU will be bringing before the ABOR Technology Oversight Committee a proposal on high school electronic transcripts for the Arizona university system. ASU has been working successfully with a commercial vendor and two Phoenix area school districts to pilot a program to exchange electronic transcripts of high school applicants to the university. Implementing a statewide electronic transcript system would reduce the time and costs to produce and evaluate high school transcripts, as well as provide for other valuable information for school districts and universities. The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion on how and why this proposal should be integrated into the ADE Data Warehouse system.

4. Update/Discussion: Arizona Education Data Warehouse

Donald Houde, of ADE, provided the Committee with a written status report on the Data Warehouse as of 6-6-08 and reviewed this information with the Committee. It is anticipated that the development of the Data Warehouse will be completed by December 2009. Mr. Houde also updated the committee regarding the ability to transfer student identifiers to higher education institutions, which is currently in testing; the status of ECAP software development, which the framework is being designed; the status of the teacher ID design, which is still in production; and the status of a system to collect testing data-ADE will work with vendors in this regard.

5. Other

Debra Raeder presented the committee with the latest iteration of the Collaborative Communications Campaign, which will be presented to the P-20 Council on June 19th. Debra also informed the Committee that the Governor's Office had received a \$25,000 grant from America's Promise for a Dropout Prevention Initiative. Dan Anderson provided a brief update to the Committee regarding a new statewide transfer rate that the universities and community colleges are developing.

6. Next Steps

Dan Anderson requested that the Committee and ADE consider both placing AIMS scores on high school transcripts and that high school transcripts follow community college students to the universities.

7. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to address the Committee.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Sybil Francis at 2:00 pm.